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JOHNSON CITY, TEX., APRIL 11 (UPI)--PRESIDENT JOHNSON TODAY NAMED ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN, (RET.) THE DEVELOPER OF THE POLARIS MISSILE, TO SUCCEED JOHN A. MCCONE AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

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1ST ADD CIA, JOHNSON CITY (A42N) XXX (CIA)  
RABORN, 60, IS NOW VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF THE AEROJET GENERAL CORP. AT PASADENA, CALIF.

JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT TO NEWSMEN WITH RABORN PRESENT, UNEXPECTEDLY, AFTER SIGNING INTO LAW THE \$1.3 BILLION AID TO EDUCATION BILL AT THE PRESIDENT'S OLD COUNTRY SCHOOL HOUSE NEAR HIS TEXAS RANCH.

✓ THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AT THE SAME TIME SAID HE WAS APPOINTING RICHARD HELM, NOW CIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS, AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY AND THUS NO. 2 MAN TO RABORN.

✓ HELM, 52, ALSO WAS PRESENT WHEN JOHNSON MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT. HELM RETIRED FROM THE NAVY AS A VICE-ADMIRAL A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. HE WAS THEN DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH ON THE STAFF OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

JOHNSON SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE APPOINTMENTS WOULD TAKE EFFECT OR WHEN HE WOULD SEND THE RABORN NOMINATION TO THE SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION.

"I ASSUME IT WILL BE AT AN EARLY DATE," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

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2ND ADD CIA, JOHNSON CITY (A42N) XXX PRESIDENT SAID.

JOHNSON SAID HE WOULD BE TAKING RABORN AND HELM BACK WITH HIM WHEN HE FLIES BACK TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW MORNING, ENDING A WEEKEND IN TEXAS.

RABORN IS A 1928 GRADUATE OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY. HE TOLD REPORTERS HE HAS KNOWN JOHNSON ABOUT 15 YEARS.

HELM IS AN ALUMNUS OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

PRIOR TO THE EDUCATION BILL SIGNING CEREMONY, NEWSMEN ASKED WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE E. REEDY ABOUT A BROADCAST REPORT (CBS) THAT JOHNSON HAD CHOSEN RABORN FOR THE CIA POST. AS JOHNSON WAS ARRIVING FOR THE BILL-SIGNING CEREMONY, REEDY SPOKE TO THE PRESIDENT APPARENTLY MENTIONING THIS QUERY.

AS HE WAS LEAVING AFTER SIGNING THE SCHOOL MEASURE, JOHNSON WALKED OVER TO REPORTERS AND SAID HE HAD "A LITTLE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MIGHT BE OF SOME INTEREST TO YOU ALL."

IT HAD BEEN KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT MCCONE WAS ANXIOUS TO RETIRE FROM THE CIA POST TO WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY. MCCONE, A REPUBLICAN, SERVED DURING THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (AEC).

NEWSMEN HAD WONDERED DURING THE DAY ABOUT RABORN'S PRESENCE AT THE RANCH. HE WAS WITH JOHNSON ON A SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF JOHNSON CITY AND SURROUNDING RANCHLAND ON WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS A MOTORCADE OF NEWSMEN AND TOURISTS.

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